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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Kuruhinasetties.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 9419-89—G. M. 161-25-10, dated the 16th February 1928, directing that the members belonging to the 'Koramar' or 'Korachar' community in the Mysore State be termed as Kuruhina Setties if they desire to be returned as such.

2. Memorials from Mr. B. R. Kaveti Rangappa, Secretary, Kuruhina Sangha, Bangalore City and other members of the Bilimagga community in various parts of the State praying for a modification of the order read above.

ORDER NO. G. 13171-230—G. M. 161-25-12, DATED 24TH APRIL 1929.

The memorialists represent that it is the people of the Bilimagga Community that are entitled to be termed 'Kuruhina Setties', and that if, as is contemplated in the Government Order read above, all members of the Koramar or Korachar Community be allowed to return themselves as Kuruhina Setties, it is likely to result in a mistaken identity of the communities in question, besides bringing down the Bilimagga people to the level of the Korachars and Koramars who come under the purview of the Criminal Tribes Regulation. On a careful consideration of the subject, Government are pleased to direct that the term 'Kuruhina Setties' be confined to the Bilimagga Community.

R. RANGA RAO,
Offg. *Chief Secretary to Government.*

Placing Mr. C. E. Rama Rau, B.A., on special duty.

ORDER NO. O. 4104-11—O. E. 124-28-1, DATED 10TH MAY 1929.

Mr. C. E. Rama Rau, B.A., Registrar, General and Revenue Secretariat, is placed on Special Duty, with effect from the 28th May 1929 in connection with the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of Indian Guests during the festivities connected with the Birthday of His Highness the Maharaja, in June 1929.

2. Gentlemen invited to Mysore as guests are requested to place themselves in communication with that officer for any information or assistance they may require in the way of accommodation, conveyance, etc., at Mysore.

3. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, the President, Mysore City Municipal Council and the Executive Engineer, Special Division, Mysore, are requested to render all reasonable help to the Officer on Special Duty.

R. RANGA RAO,
Offg. *Chief Secretary to Government.*

Reviews the Report on the working of the Archæological Department for the year 1927-28.

READ—

Report on the working of the Archæological Department for the year 1927-28, received from the Registrar, Mysore University, with his letter No. 15098-9, dated the 23rd January 1929.

ORDER NO. D. 11384-96—UNI. 360-28-2, DATED 2ND MAY 1929.

1. Recorded.

2. The Director and his staff toured in parts of the Districts of Mysore, Hassan, Kolar, Shimoga and Chitaldrug, partly for excavation, partly for exploration of ancient monuments and partly for the search and collection of epigraphs and other old records and manuscripts. A detailed survey of monuments was made during the year in parts of Davangere, Sagar, Shikarpur and Chikmagalur Taluks. The most noteworthy monuments discovered are two temples situated in the heart of a forest near Nadkalsi in the Sagar Taluk. These temples which are reported to be in a very good state of preservation are said to be very fine examples of the Hoysala style of architecture, a type rarely found in the Malnad parts. The minor repairs which are reported to be necessary should be executed very early. While reviewing the last year's report, Government drew the attention of the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur to the necessity for the proper maintenance of the temples at Kaidala by an effective administration of the temple lands; but no report has yet been received in the matter as yet. This should be attended to.

3. The total number of records collected during the year was 113 and included 11 copper plate grants and 3 sannads, the rest being stone inscriptions. In the closing months of the year under report, *i.e.*, between the 9th May and 9th June 1928, preliminary work of excavation on the ancient site of Chandravalli near the town of Chitaldrug was begun and carried on under the supervision of Professor M. H. Krishna Iyengar, M.A., D.Litt., (London) at a cost of Rs. 1,000, from the funds of the Archæological Department. It is gratifying to note that this step resulted in some interesting finds, among other things, of coins belonging to the Satavahana and later dynasties. It is hoped that further excavations on the site will result in even more interesting discoveries throwing light on the history of this ancient period. The detailed report promised on these finds will be awaited with interest.

New facts stated to have been gleaned during the year are:—

1. Confirmation of the rule of the Satavahanas and the Chatus over Mysore, both by archæological finds unearthed by excavating on the Chandravalli Site and by the application of the linguistic test noticed in the report.

2. The outbreak of a war between the Keladi and Kalasa chiefs, and the spoliation of the Sringeri Mutt by the latter.

R. RANGA RAO
Offg. *Chief Secretary to Government.*